

# Notice of Intent to Award Shannon Funds to Clark University

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's (EOPSS) Office of Grants & Research (OGR) is responsible for administering the Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr., Community Safety Initiative (Shannon CSI) Grant Program. The Shannon CSI Grant Program is authorized by Chapter 46 of the Massachusetts Acts of 2016, An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2016.

EOPSS intends to award **\$125,000.00** in continuation funding for the current Shannon Statewide Research Partner (SRP), Clark University. Clark University has the expertise required to be considered the SRP and has several Shannon research related projects currently underway. Funding this recipient is in the best interest of the grant program and best use of limited state funding. The funds will be utilized for the purpose of allowing Clark University to continue their research, evaluation, assessment and other previously assigned duties initiated under their former contract as the SRP. Examples of such duties include but not limited to:

- SRP will continue to assist OGR, Shannon CSI site program directors, and LARPS in researching, developing, and validating individual risk assessment tools to be used for identifying at-risk and high-risk youth participating in the Shannon CSI funded programs.
- SRP will assist Shannon CSI site program directors *without* LARPS, in researching, developing, and implementing community risk assessments, based on the OJJDP model, to be used for identifying strategies, or gaps in services, needed to address the specific *gang violence problem*.
- SRP will continue to assist OGR in the development, piloting and maintenance of the Apricot database.

The duration of the grant will be 12 months with anticipated start and end dates of July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

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